GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF COCONUT PEPPER ARECANUT AND CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the maximum and minimum per acre production of coconut, arecanut, pepper and cardamom in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any possibility has been explored by the Government to reduce the huge gap between the maximum and the minimum rate of production per acre;

(d) if so, the extent to which the said gap is likely to be reduced;

(e) whether any future plan has been formulated by the Government in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): State-wise and all-India yield rates of production of coconut, arecanut, black pepper and cardamom during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are given in the Annexures-I to IV.

(c)&(d): The production per unit of area (productivity) depends on a large numbers of factors such as agro-climatic conditions, managerial skills of farmers, timely application of appropriate inputs, availability of credit. Since these factors vary a great deal from region to region, so does the productivity.

(e)&(f): To increase production and productivity of coconut, cardamom and spices including black pepper, assistance is provided to State Governments, among other things, for production and supply of quality planting material. Further, assistance for cardamom replanting and irrigation is also extended for increasing productivity of cardamom.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE YIELD OF COCONUT DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 (nuts/hectare)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ANDHRA PRADESH	7546	8588	19573
ASSAM	6041	6442	6442
GOA	4818	4855	4859
KARNATAKA	5140	5127	5195
KERALA	5802	5793	6188
MAHARASHTRA	17470	15020	15020
ORISSA	5123	7641	14589
TAMIL NADU	11621	11620	11620
WEST BENGAL	13211	12601	12935
A & N ISLANDS	3506	3492	3543
ALL INDIA	6908	6834	7821

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE YIELD OF ARECANUT DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 (Kgs/hectare)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
ASSAM	864	768	744
KARNATAKA	1430	1432	1437
KERALA	1100	1235	1148
ALL INDIA	1178	1218	1189

ANNEXURE-III

STATE-WISE YIELD OF BLACK PEPPER DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 (Kgs/hectare)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
KARNATAKA	243	240	239
KERALA	312	319	279
TAMIL NADU	235	235	198
ALL INDIA	308	316	277

ANNEXURE-IV

STATE-WISE YIELD OF CARDAMOM DURING 1996-97 TO 1998-99 (kgs/hectare)

STATE	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
KARNATAKA	58	57	57
KERALA	125	111	129
SIKKIM	153	196	82
TAMIL NADU	93	91	74
WEST BENGAL	254	261	240
ALL INDIA	127	123	104